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Professor Allan Scott  
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Dear Allan:

Esther and I had noted with interest your move to the chair of biology at Colby when it was mentioned in Science a few weeks ago. We hope you enjoy your new position.

The prospective graduate student mentioned in your letter does not appear to have a very promising record, as far as your hasty academic summary could show. However, there would be no harm in her filing an application, and I am enclosing same. This is for an assistantship; if her graduate work is dependent on a job, she should not apply for admission to graduate school until this is worked out. Unless she is specifically and particularly interested in genetic microbiology, her application should be addressed to the attention of Dr. W.C. Frazier, Bacteriology Dept. If she wished consideration in this department, please ask her to send me an informal copy covering the same information. However, it would be impossible for me to be encouraging.

I don't what ~~what~~ better schools to suggest. Iowa (C.H. Werkman, Ames) has accepted students that we had not; U.C. (Berkeley) and Stanford (E.L. Tatum or E. Clifton) give reasonably good courses. UCLA (A.J. Salle) and USC (M. Appleman) both have bacteriology departments that she might find a place at. I don't know what the opportunities are at the girls' schools, but this would seem to be her best bet.

We haven't been East much since 1947, though we did go to Cold Spring Harbor and visited Woods Hole last June— we must have missed you there for being too early.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg  
Assoc Prof Genetics (if you're interest<sup>d</sup>)